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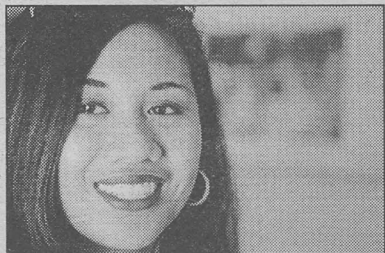
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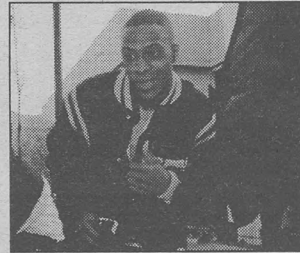
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Potter voted first female SA president

Senator garners 60 percent of vote to beat Macmanus

by Matt Berger
Asst. News Editor

"Tell Mom we won!" Carrie Potter, GW's first female Student Association president, could not hold back tears as she spoke to her sister in Nebraska, minutes after hearing the runoff election results in J Street Wednesday night.

"I'm just so happy with everything that has happened," Potter said. "We did it our way and we did it right."

A huddle of supporters surrounded the president-elect and chanted "Potter" as she took turns hugging and posing for pictures after the announcement.

Potter garnered 1,662 votes in the runoff election, 570 more than she received in last week's general election.

Patrick Macmanus, who received 40 percent of the vote, acknowledged Potter's work for the University.

"Carrie inspires people," Macmanus said. "People have to find in an individual what their hope for the future is."

Potter said her focus on academics and campus diversity helped propel her to the SA presidency. She also said her victory showed women are capable of handling leadership positions.

"When it came down to it, it was who would be the best for the job,"



Carrie Potter and supporters react to the announcement of her victory Wednesday night in the runoff election.

Jay Crystal/asst. photo editor

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Mount Vernon students look for key to dorm security

by Greg Lantier
Hatchet Staff Writer

Students have criticized security at Mount Vernon College after administrators waited more than a month to address a missing set of master dormitory keys.

MVC students said they felt endangered at the college, which will become a campus of GW in 1999, because the administration did not respond promptly after a resident assistant lost keys to all dormitory rooms in January. Students said the administration did not inform them of the missing keys and did not take quick action to ensure their security.

"It says a lot about how much they care for us," said freshman Mahwish Bajwa, editor

Lost master keys anger students

of The Voice, MVC's student newspaper.

Students said they are outraged the administration did not expedite the process to correct the situation, which MVC Interim President Grae Baxter called "the mystery of the missing keys."

Under the door

Students learned of the missing keys when they received photocopies of an administrator's memo under their doors one night.

In the memo, MVC residential life office staff recommended the administration resolve the situation as soon as possible, and it asked for an explanation of the delays,

students said.

Written on the memo, presumably from the person who intercepted and distributed it, were vulgar comments expressing outrage that MVC had endangered her safety while denying her knowledge of the incident, students said.

The memo was slid under doors of residence hall rooms in the middle of the night. Those awake when the memo was distributed panicked after reading it. Many from Somers Hall, the freshman residence hall, feared for their safety and spent the night grouped together in rooms, students said.

Face to face

Students addressed MVC administrators with concerns about the endangerment of their safety at a town hall meeting March 2. The meeting was one of several regularly scheduled interactions between students and the administration.

Students at the meeting demanded Baxter and the administration change keys and locks immediately to ensure campus safety was not jeopardized any further.

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Charges against EVP dropped

by Tammy Imhoff
Hatchet Staff Writer

The Student Association Student Court dismissed a suit Tuesday that charged SA Executive Vice President Tony Sayegh with allowing "fraudulent voting" at a recent Senate meeting.

The charge, made by graduate Sen. Emily Cummins (CSAS), stemmed from the Feb. 24 meeting, during which Cummins said Sayegh willfully violated SA bylaws by allowing two senators to verbally change proxies from her to Sen. Bob Nelson (SMHS). Proxies vote on behalf of senators who cannot attend a meeting.

Sayegh motioned for dismissal before the court heard the case on Monday, on the grounds that Cummins did not exercise alternative solutions before filing the suit.

After hearing both sides' arguments, the court rejected Sayegh's motion, but dismissed the case of its own volition.

Chief Justice Tom Boer would not give the reason for the dismissal, but said it would be made public in a written decision within 30 days.

Sayegh said even though his motion for dismissal was rejected, he felt vindicated by the court's dismissal.

"The bottom line is the court was better equipped to find the legal loopholes in Emily's case than we were because they know the Constitution better ... but I anticipate that our motion (to dismiss) helped them," Sayegh said. "Justice was served."

At issue in the case was whether proxies must be written, or whether the EVP has the authority to accept oral proxies before a meeting. The SA bylaws state a proxy must be submitted in writing and given to the EVP.

Cummins contended since the written proxies of Sens. Andrew Pecunia and Anne Parrish were originally given to her, they were invalid when they were verbally transferred to Nelson.

But Sayegh contended the bylaw does not specify the proxies could not be changed, and therefore he allowed Pecunia and Parrish to change their proxies.

By permitting the proxies to be transferred verbally, Sayegh was interpreting what he believed to be an unclear bylaw, said SA Vice President for Judicial and Legislative Affairs Brian Schoeneman, who represented Sayegh in the case.

"The word 'written' is not ambiguous," Cummins said.

Sayegh argued since the bylaw was unclear, he interpreted it using

the SA charter as a guide. And since "representation is paramount" in the charter, he said he allowed the senators to change their proxies to a senator who they felt would vote in a similar fashion as them.

Sayegh also said the changes were verbal amendments to the written proxies the two senators already had submitted. Therefore, they did not conflict with the bylaw regarding proxies under his interpretation.

"The bylaw was not broken by the procedure taken," Schoeneman said. "The oral amendment (to the proxies) was an unofficial procedure that was in the spirit of the charter to allow representation that these senators wished."

Cummins said Nelson "controlled all significant votes" at the meeting with the two transferred proxies, as well as his own vote and two written proxies.

Cummins said she stands by her decision to bring the case to court, but feels the incident has made her lose trust in the EVP.

"I always followed the minimum level of trust rule, but now when someone says someone has proxied, I'll raise my hand and ask to see the proxy," Cummins said.

Cummins said she thinks the way senators view the EVP will change as a result of this case.

"I think it's going to make the EVP more political than it already is ... this gives the EVP more power and makes senators less trustful," Cummins said. "Now we know the EVP has more power than we thought."

"I'm proud of my accomplishments as EVP," Sayegh said. He noted other senators supported his actions.

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Potter wins 60 percent of vote in SA runoff

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she said. "The person with the best leadership skills and the best support team won."

Potter said the endorsement of Sabina Siddiqui, a former presidential candidate in this year's election who won about 20 percent of the vote, was

crucial to her victory. Potter's votes in the runoff exceeded the total votes Siddiqui and she, combined, captured in the general election.

"It helped because it makes us continue to believe we are doing the right thing," she said. "We campaigned under the same goals of making the SA a diverse body."

Voter Apathy Continues on Referenda Ballot

Few students voted for Student Association referenda questions revived for this week's runoff after complaints that not all voters were offered the questions during the general election.

"There was apathy toward the referenda," said Joint Elections Committee member Skip Oliva. "But there was not apathy in the general elections since nearly 3,000 people voted."

The referendum to bring the SA constitution into agreement with the Joint Elections Committee charter passed 507-208. The revision also was passed in last week's defunct 396-157 count.

The second alteration, to update

the name of GW's law school in the SA constitution, passed 641-216. It passed 360-96 the first time.

During the general elections March 3-4, a miscommunication between the SA and the JEC left some students without the option to vote on the changes, Oliva said. But the machine ballots gave all voters the opportunity during the runoff.

Despite the inclusion of the questions in the booths, students said they did not vote on the referendum.

"I don't even know what the hell it is," freshman Steve Siddell said.

—Shruti Daté

Potter said she was surprised at the large voter turnout and that she won by a margin of more than 500 votes.

"We didn't know what to expect," Potter said. "We knew people who believed in me would come out again."

The runoff turnout closely matched that of the election last week — only 172 fewer votes were cast this week. The 2,809 votes cast in the runoff was a large contrast to the last runoff in 1995, where 1,595 students voted and Mark Reynolds won the presidency.

Potter said she came into the runoff with confidence since she had received the most votes of any presidential candidate. But SA rules require a candidate win 40 percent to claim victory in the general election.

"We kept doing the same thing we've been doing all along," she said. "Win or lose this race, we knew we'd win overall."

Macmanus hugged a large group of supporters after the announcement was made and stood on a table to blow kisses to his family.

"I'm disappointed, obviously, that I lost," Macmanus said. "I thought I was going to be a lot more upset, honestly."

Macmanus said he enjoyed the experience of campaigning and echoed sentiments of his mother that he would learn from his mistakes. "I've taken this as the single greatest life lesson," he said.

"I am eminently proud of him," Sandra Macmanus said of her son. "Pat and I talked last night at length and I told him, 'Real stupid is someone who makes the same mistakes consistently and expects different outcomes.'"

Macmanus said he will stay active in the Senate for the rest of his tenure, and that he would be happy to assist Potter.

"No one's seen the last of Patrick Macmanus," he said. He said he would continue to work to increase school spirit on campus.

"I want to make sure my final goal, instilling a sense of hope on campus, gets done," Macmanus said.

Macmanus had kind words for the president-elect.

"She's a student leader — people recognize that," he said.

Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar, current SA president, said he expects a smooth transition between him and Potter.

"This was an amazing election," Golparvar said. "It was extremely



Matt Besser/Hatchet photographer
Patrick Macmanus is consoled by campaign manager Brian Donahue after the announcement of Potter's victory.

intense and both campaigns should be commended."

Jesse Strauss, who last week was elected executive vice president for next year, posed for photos with Potter after the announcement.

"Tonight was the real victory," he said.

Medical school applicants face fierce competition at GW

by Mamta Jain

Hatchet Reporter

Between 10,000 to 12,000 students applied for 150 spots in the University's School of Medicine and Health Sciences this year, leaving pre-med students at GW concerned about the severe competition they face.

The GW medical school is maintaining the number of spaces at 150 as in years past, said Dee Hughes, assistant director of medical school admissions. The quota has been kept static for the past few years because the program "can only accommodate that many students."

Occasionally the school accepts up to 152 students, Hughes said.

"Training a doctor is a serious endeavor and it takes a lot of people, and time to do it," said freshman Neil Badlani, a pre-med student. "So any school that intends to increase medical school admissions has to make

sure they are turning out the same quality of doctors."

The school is close to saturation, and GW is not in any position to accept more students, said Professor Linda Gallows, who teaches biochemistry.

Hughes said GW was not affected by a provision in last year's federal budget to recommend cutbacks in medical school admissions to curtail a possible surplus of doctors projected for the year 2000.

"It is not possible to have too many doctors because even if there is an excess of doctors in this country, there are more than 200 countries in the world and I don't think that any of them have an excess — especially Third World nations," Badlani said.

"Clinton is saying to cut back on surgeons," said second year GW medical student Gautam Gulati. "We need more primary care physicians, and about 50 to 60 percent of the medical

students (at GW) are in primary care."

The federal proposal also does not apply to GW because the University already had started its own process to reduce the number of residents admitted, medical school officials said last fall.

This limited number of spots, and the fierce competition puts "a lot of pressure" on students, said junior Jaime Libes, a pre-med student. A lot of money and time is spent to gain admission to the selective program.

Sophomore Chetan Malpe said the competition definitely makes him nervous, but he tries to ensure he meets the qualifications needed for medical school admission.

A grade point average above 3.5 is an instrumental component to gearing up for admission to medical schools, pre-med students said.

"The higher your grade point average, the better chance you have of being admitted," Libes said.

Medical Colleges Aptitude Test (MCAT) scores above 30, with 45 being the highest, also add to the student's chance of admission, Libes said.

A strong academic performance, which includes coursework in English, physics, organic chemistry, chemistry and biology, gives students a solid base.

But Malpe noted medical programs look for "well-rounded, as opposed to just book smart students."

Libes, who is a psychology and Spanish major, said medical schools give a high level of consideration to non-science majors to diversify the types of students entering the medical field.

Involvement in extra-curricular activities, such as work on volunteer and research projects, also enhances a candidate's chance of admission, Malpe said.

"You have to try to make yourself

a leader," Malpe said.

Students are offered the chance to display their leadership qualities in an interview, but only after completing the Association of American Colleges and GW medical school applications. One percent of applicants, about 1,000, are interviewed and 150 are finally chosen, Hughes said.

—Shruti Daté contributed to this report.

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President Potter

With the election of Carrie Potter to the Student Association presidency, we hope the same openness and motivation she exhibited during the campaign will translate into inclusive, driven goals and policies.

Now important issues await her – tuning in the SA to student concerns, making it clear to administrators that academic programs are most highly valued by GW students, keeping pressure on the University to listen to students and bolstering GW technology, among others.

As was evidenced with the Ditzian campaign, many students are fed up with the SA. They are frustrated with the way the SA oversees student groups, stifling creativity and inserting Big Brother where he doesn't belong. These students' gripes should be addressed by Potter's presidency. Without student support, the SA is nothing.

Potter also should make sure her Cabinet is diverse and representative of the student body. Sabina Siddiqui's campaign showed that many traditionally non-involved students are ready to take an active role in student government. These students must be included for the SA to live up to its claims of being students' representative.

Also, a good working relationship must exist between the Senate, Potter and Executive Vice President-elect Jesse Strauss. Many claims were made during the race about what all the candidates would do if elected. Students will be watching to see if their leaders keep these promises. Next year's SA could be one of the most representative, diverse and effective. We wish all newly-elected members of the SA good luck.

Spring Break '98

Spring break is fast upon us. For seniors, this may be your last week of freedom in the middle of March. For some lucky ones, or those just lucky enough to have money to spend, a trip someplace warm is planned. Some will spend their spring break "alternatively" building homes for families in South Carolina. For all students, here is a list of things to remember during the next week.

- **GW basketball** – Remember to check your local TV listings to see the men's and women's teams play. The men's team faces Oklahoma State Friday; the women's team faces Georgia also on Friday;
- **Drinking** – Imbibe responsibly. While many students return from spring break priding themselves on how much they drank and how little they remember, others return after a stay at the local jail or hospital. And some don't return at all thanks to drunken "fun;"
- **Enjoy home** – Many broke students will return home looking for family donations. Take some time to just hang out with your folks. Enjoy home cooking. Visit friends you haven't seen in a while. Your folks are footing the bill for you to go here, make them feel loved;
- **Beware the Ides of March** – Julius Caesar didn't and look what happened to him;
- **St. Patrick's Day** – Everyone is Irish on St. Paddy's Day! Remember the food of the day: corned beef and cabbage. And remember the drinking warning from above;
- **Schoolwork** – Some will be free from any sort of schoolwork. Others did not have such fortune when they received their syllabi. At the very least, read the paper to keep up on what is going on in the world. Isn't the Weimar paper due soon after Spring Break?
- **Don't let El Niño get you down** – If your house is in an area that is flooded or snowed in, ignore this. If not, make the best of the crazy weather. It could be worse;
- **Enjoy D.C.** – For those who remain in D.C., either by choice or necessity, take time to enjoy quite residence halls and apartments. If you find yourself roommate-less for a week, invite some friends over and have a party. Hang out with some of the athletes who must stay here for spring training; make new friends;

That's it. Enjoy Spring Break. Stay safe. Say hello to the folks. See you all March 23. That's a Monday. That means it's back to the same routine again.

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Letters to the Editor

Special ingredient?

I read in a recent Hatchet that DJ's Fastbreak was selected as one of the eating places for students. ("Students face fallout from GWorld card glitch," Feb. 12, p.1)

On Feb. 18, I purchased a cheeseburger from DJ's. I had taken one bite of the sandwich and was just about to take another bite when I noticed a squashed bug on the lettuce. I felt totally sick and took the sandwich back to show it to the owners.

After showing the owner the bug, she stated that the bug was only on the lettuce. I informed her that the lettuce should have been soaked and cleaned also. She never

apologized and I told her I wanted my money back, which she returned. I also called the Health Department and they are going to send an inspector.

I feel that it is only fair to warn the students to check their food before eating over there.

—Florence Smith
GSEHD staff member

Successful Starr search

Wow. I was very impressed with your editorial on Starr ("Starr quest," March 9, p.4).

However, you did not mention that Starr's investigation has already been a tremendous success. Already, 13 people have been either

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convicted or pled guilty to charges brought by Starr, including the former governor of Arkansas, Jim Guy Tucker, and the number three man at the Justice Department, Webster Hubell. Not bad for a guy the Democrats are trying to smear as "out of control."

Further, if Starr was really overreaching his boundaries, Attorney General Janet Reno would simply relieve him of his duties. A week ago I met Reno in her offices with a class and asked her why the president doesn't simply ask her to remove him if he is doing such a poor job. To that, she responded, "Why don't you ask the president?"

—Matthew Martin Braynard
sophomore

How the other two-thirds of GW live

Okay. We all know about the winners at GW. This institution is quick to advertise the success stories. We hear about those honor students. We hear how they enjoy doing more challenging work than the rest of us. We hear how they numb their Ivy-envy by sitting around in their row house reading Chaucer and eating scones.

We hear about all the Rusty Stahls and the "Q" Golpavars who volunteer all their free time to make sure the bag lady on 18 Street has socks (and make the rest of us feel like big meanies for spending all our free time eating sun chips, getting drunk and vandalizing public property).

We hear about all those ambitious students who come to GW and immediately start interning for Representative Bob Littlehiney so they can stay on track to become president before their mothers die.

But what about the losers? In middle school, there was a kid named Jason Lau who would beat the crêpe out of me. I still recall him chasing my little naked buttocks around the locker room and forcing me to do penile slides in the shower pit. He said to me one day as I was sliding across the basin floor on my face, "Hey Hertzfeldt, you should thank me. If it wasn't for dumb 'm-fers' like me, no one would think skinny a-lickers like you are smart."

This gentle sermon has remained deeply nestled in my taut breast. And it is in this taut breast that I recognize losers. When I say losers, I am talking about personable people who don't bother to achieve societal norms of accomplishment. Those people who enable two-thirds of us to classify ourselves as overachievers. They aren't dumb. They just have decided that those people trumpet "Give 110 percent" are either on speed or lack basic math skills.

I would like to shine The Hatchet's spotlight on Loser-of-the-Week, Adam Levin. I have been a friend of Levin's since Thrustin Hell. I have watched him mature from his Thrustin days when he would roam the halls at all hours making certain everybody stayed as unproductive as he; to his present spartan regiment of naps, Jerry Springer and scheduled bathroom breaks.

Upon graduation, Levin hopes to get a job with Tony's Flowers on 19 Street, which specializes in beautiful flowers and low grade porn, and continue his banality at a professional level.

Rob: "Are you glad you came to GW?"

Levin: "I'm happier than a pig in shit."

Rob: "With what have you been involved at GW?"

Levin: "I have a sports radio show and I'm in Sigma Alpha Epsilon. It's really stretching me thin."

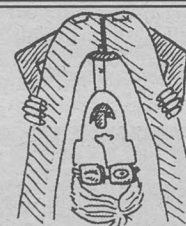
Rob: "Ever had an internship or job during the school year?"

Levin: "No. I might get one at the MC Store just to pad the ol' résumé."

Rob: "How many hours a week do you study?"

Levin: "About 30 minutes."

Rob: "What's your GPA?"



Rob
Hertzfeldt

Levin: "2.98."

Rob: "Are you proud of this?"

Levin: "I don't give a shit what my GPA is. Ninety-five percent of the shit you take you don't need anyway, so who gives a shit?"

Rob: "Do you think your father completely wasted his \$120,000 sending you here?"

Levin: "Yes."

Rob: "Why?"

Levin: "Cause I could learn this same shit at a local community college."

Rob: "What was your proudest moment here at GW?"

Levin: "Befriending the J Street employees – Big Larry, Reddish, Duane, Lolita and last but not least, the lovely Sonia at the coffee place with her rosy cheeks."

Rob: "Any advice for freshmen at GW?"

Levin: "It don't mean nothin' cause it's all bullshit anyway. And don't minor in anything. Minors are gay."

Rob: "What is your goal in life?"

Levin: "I don't know. Don't ask me that, Bertrum. I don't have an answer. To be a good person. I don't know. To rest. Yeah, that's it, to rest and relax a lot. Well, that answer's a clunker but I don't give a shit. I'm tired. Leave me alone. You think of something funny to put."

In this article, I would also like to pay homage to a departed friend of mine, Roger. I will call him Spoooge.

Spoooge arrived here last semester from my high school in Hanover, Pennsylvania. I tried to help him feel at home in the GW community by embarrassing him in a cartoon.

However, by the end of the semester I could tell he would rather be Linda Tripp's proctologist than spend another semester here. Spoooge said all the people here are stupid and that there is nothing to do. True, when queried, Spoooge would admit he had never gone out at night except for Flicks once, never went to any cultural events and didn't make any effort to meet anyone.

Spoooge is now at Penn State and is probably happily sitting alone in the woods speedballing J.D. and Yuengling's Lager in a hut made out of leaves and deer dung. So I would like to salute both Spoooge and Adam Levin who do just enough to get by. Because, after all, isn't that all we can really ask?

Before you attempt the crossword puzzle, I would like to add this addendum. In my last article, my editors removed a sentence warning students to be wary of the persuasion class of Golden Marla Award Winner Clay Warren. His grading method is slightly draconian and I would not want to be responsible for having anyone not graduate on time (War has done it before).

Secondly, I appreciate constructive criticism and some of my friends have told me that my last cartoon on the SA candidates was not funny. Upon review I agreed with them and was going to issue a public apology, but instead I have decided it would be more fun just to tell Grant and Adam to go to hell. Thank you.

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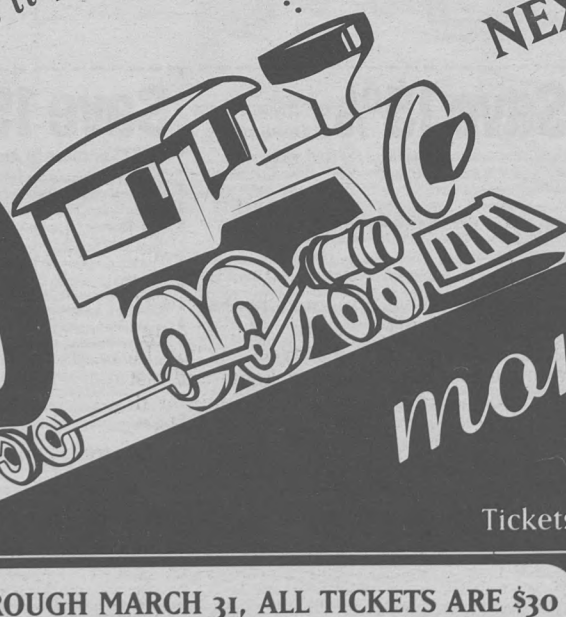
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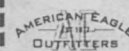
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Snowed-in senator misses CD meeting

by Greg Lantier
Hatchet Staff Writer

Taking the place of snowed-in Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), a GW law professor spoke Monday of the consequences of tobacco settlements.

John Banzhaf, who teaches public interest law, spoke in the Marvin Center Ballroom at an event sponsored by the College Democrats and the Coalition for a Smoke-Free Youth after Durbin's last-minute cancellation from Chicago.

Banzhaf is the founder, executive director and chief counsel of Action on Smoking and Health (ASH), an anti-smoking legal action organization that has been successful in forcing policy changes against smoking through litigation. "We're like the American Lung Association, except we sue people instead of doing research and education," he said.

Banzhaf said he once called the fire marshal to an event in the Marvin Center in order to stop people from smoking.

In the speech, Banzhaf outlined the history of tobacco regulation and assessed where the settlement stands.

He said public opinion has turned against tobacco, so companies have introduced the idea of a "damages cap," which would limit the total amount the companies

would have to pay in any year. After the amount is paid, companies would be safe until the next year and could make up the losses—a position equal to immunity and one tobacco companies do not deserve, Banzhaf said.

Banzhaf said a ban on tobacco advertising is not very important because it is easy for companies to find alternatives. The best way to curb smoking is by raising the price of cigarettes, he said.

Some students said they had mixed feelings about the event. Others said they were impressed by Banzhaf's speech, but disappointed Durbin did not make it.

"It's always cool to see a senator, but he can't control the weather," David Bein said.

Others said their disappointment stemmed from the fact that they attended the speech for classes and expected to use the senator's speech in assignments.

Saurab Malhotra and Nitin Chawla, both pursuing graduate degrees in business administration, said they were very disappointed the senator did not speak because they needed the information for a public policy class paper.

"(Banzhaf) really taught College Democrats about the issues involved in big tobacco," said Adam Green, events director for CDs.

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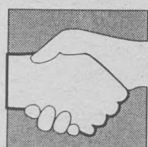
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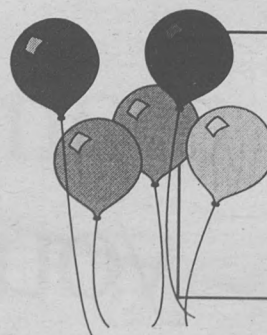
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Pamela Eclar

GW's Outstanding Woman of the Year defines her passion for change

by **Annie H. Nguyen**
Hatchet Staff Writer

Exactly what makes an individual outstanding? Pamela Eclar embodies the term in a way difficult for others to match.

Named GW's Outstanding Woman of the Year at Program Board's Feb. 28 charity auction, Eclar was honored for her work breaking gender and racial barriers.

"I was extremely flattered because so many qualified female leaders were there, and I didn't feel like I belonged," Eclar recalls.

Though modest, Eclar earned the recognition for "dedication and service to the GW community." For the past four years, Eclar has worked through the Filipino society to educate others and promote racial equality and unity. She serves as the historian of the Philippine Cultural Society and is a member of the National Society of Black Engineers.

In a way, Eclar's success has evened a family score.

"My father's experiences in the Navy sparked my passion for civil rights and equality," Eclar explains. "Even though he had entered the Navy with a college degree, he served as a messman for three years. When I asked him why (he had not been promoted), he told me that it was because minorities couldn't do anything else when he enlisted in 1968."



photo by Tyson Trish/editor in chief

Not until 1971 did affirmative action regulations extend to cover the Navy. When the rules finally changed, Eclar's father served 20 years in the Navy supply corps.

Her family, Eclar says, has been a solid base, supporting and inspiring her.

"My parents sacrificed so much to help me growing up, leaving the Philippines to find a better life for me," Eclar says. "My parents, like other Filipino parents, have given up much of their dignity, pride and self-worth so that my generation would not have to suffer as they did."

Eclar was the first recipient of GW's Outstanding Woman Award - an honor that fits with all the other firsts on her transcript. She was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, but Eclar's family eventually followed her father's Navy assignments to Florida. Eclar was the first student in the history of her Jacksonville high school to grad-

uate as both valedictorian and president of her senior class. The yearbook voted her Most Likely to Succeed and Most Academically Talented.

Two summers ago, Eclar chalked up another first. On an ROTC cruise assignment, she was one of the first four women assigned to the USS John Hancock.

Eclar currently co-chairs the Filipino Intercollegiate Networking Dialogue (FIND), an East Coast conference designed to open discussion and networking among Filipino undergraduates. More than 1,000 students are expected to attend FIND March 19-22 at GW.

The conference will boast more than 30 workshops and 40 prominent speakers from the Filipino community, including entertainer Joclyn Enriquez. Topics will range from concern over anti-Asian sentiment to spirituality.

The Sunday of the conference, World War II veterans will rally in front of the White House. After the war, Eclar explains, Filipino veterans were the only minorities who did not receive generally guaranteed veteran benefits. Decades later, rally organizers hope to correct the inequity by aiding Filipino veterans, Eclar says.

When not wrapped up in the requirements for her civil/environmental engineering major, Eclar is busy as the public affairs officer of Navy ROTC.

"ROTC has helped me develop leadership ability and skills unique to people in the military and (has helped me to) become more independent and vocal," Eclar says. "The experience is humbling as well because you know how to take orders and work with diverse groups of people."

Eclar says her gender has not caused trouble in the military.

"The Navy is ahead of society as far as sexism because charges are taken seriously and cared for immedi-

ately," Eclar says.

Subtle differences exist in the treatment of men and women, she acknowledges, but she says these are understandable. According to Eclar, as long as "you're good at your job, then respect comes with that."

"Competence overcomes everything," she says.

Eclar will serve in the Navy for four years after graduation as a surface warfare officer, but says she is uncertain whether she will stay in the Navy afterward. She always has been interested in community work and civil rights, and is considering pursuing an environmental law degree. Entering law school, Eclar says, will be the climax of her career.

She does, however, consider her enlistment as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy important. Less than 30 years ago, the same Navy discriminated against her father, she says. Eclar's officer enlistment is a past-due vindication.

"Everything I've done and I do is dedicated to (my parents)," she says. "It has fallen on me to carry on their legacy, to not allow their sacrifices to die in vain."

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WEEKEND

Discovery Channel opens store in D.C.

HEATHER HARE
ARTS EDITOR

The Discovery Channel opened its flagship store, Discovery Channel Store: Destination, D.C., Saturday in the MCI Center, offering a mix of science class and tourist stop.

Hatchet Rating:



The store brings Discovery Communications, Inc. to life — including aspects from each of its cable stations: Discovery Channel, The Learning Channel, Animal Planet and Travel Channel.

The store's four levels are packed with merchandise, interactive learning tools and exhibits. Traveling from the ground floor to the top, a patron moves from underground to outerspace. From the third level, one can view all the floors below. From this vantage point, the progression is striking.

The most eye-catching piece in the store is the giant Tyrannosaurus Rex cast on the first floor. It recre-

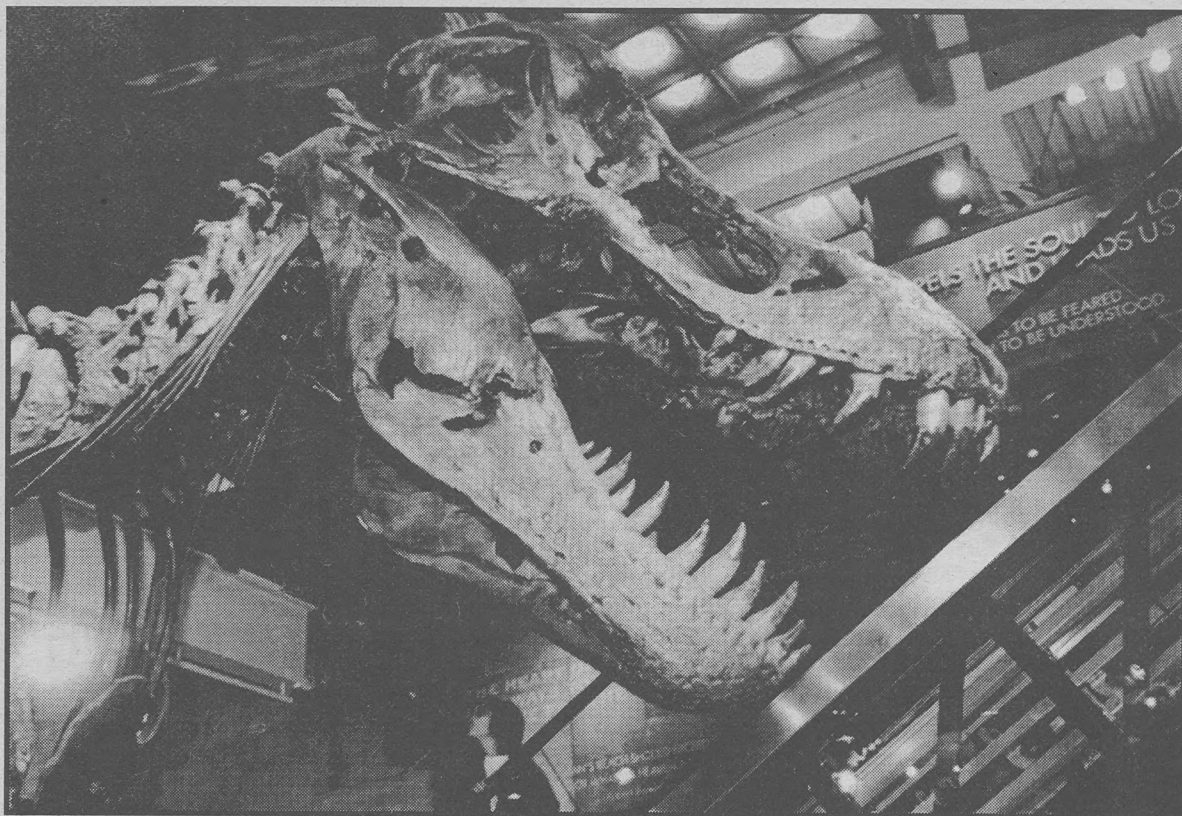
ates the largest skeleton of the species ever found, which is 90 percent complete. Along with this exhibit, an interactive computer game captures the challenge of reassembling the remains.

At T-Rex's tail rests a permanent display about Conservation International, a nonprofit organization seeking to demonstrate that resource protection is intelligent business.

Discovery Communications has formed a partnership with the organization to cement its dedication to the environment. The display contains photos and a rotating collection of artifacts from areas where Conservation International works, such as Madagascar, Indonesia and the tropical Andes.

Another interesting stop is Ocean Planet. Here, a film shows divers exploring the world's largest steamship, the Titanic, on the ocean floor.

A live ant farm resides on the second floor in the Wild Discovery section. The World Cultures section houses an array of international artifacts and artistic works. And on the third floor, an authentic B-25 bomber from World War II is surrounded by plaques explaining the development



A cast of a skeleton of Tyrannosaurus Rex is one of many amazing exhibits housed in the new Discovery Store.

of aviation. The weather station in the Science section is worth a look. Two of the interactive exhibits demonstrate wind storms and cloud formations.

If the only thing the store offered

was the film *Destination, D.C.* it would be worth the Metro ride. Though only 18 minutes long, the piece reveals new information to tourists and long-time residents alike. Fun facts are included like, "Which

statue is the only one in the city to get a sex change?" It's worth the \$2.50 for an adult ticket to learn something new when touring people around the city for the umpteenth time.

(See *NEW*, G. 2)

Despite actors like John Goodman, Steve Buscemi and Jeff Bridges, *The Big Lebowski* fails to entertain its audiences.



Big Lebowski ranks mediocre among Coen brother movies

SCOTT KRUH
WEEKEND WRITER

A Coen brothers' film is more than a tag line — it's a guarantee. A guarantee to all fans they will see something weird, interesting and very stylish.

Sometimes it works, as in *Raising Arizona* and *Fargo*. And sometimes it doesn't, as in *Barton Fink* and *The Hudsucker Proxy*.

Hatchet Rating:



The Big Lebowski rests on middle ground. It definitely has its moments — mostly in the first half — but it drags in the second and stumbles under the weight of its plot.

Jeff Bridges plays Jeff Lebowski, or as he prefers to

be called, The Dude. He is caught in a kidnapping plot that spins out of control thanks to the incompetence, or just plain stupidity, of his partner, Walter (John Goodman, "Roseanne.") The Dude gets roughed up by some tough guys who mistake him for someone else. So he decides to go see *The Big Lebowski*, a local millionaire, for some retribution.

The best part of the film is watching the characters interact, mostly in the bowling alley. The Dude and Walter are on a team with Donny (Steve Buscemi, *Con Air*). In one scene, Walter sees an opponent step over the foul line. Walter tells the competitor to put down a zero for the score. He eventually does write down a zero, encouraged by the loaded handgun Walter aims at his head.

(See *FILM'S*, G. 2)

Loose ends dangle in U.S. Marshals

JACK D. COHEN
WEEKEND WRITER

U.S. Marshals (Warner Brothers) is an action-packed thrill ride. It is filled with exciting chases, spectacular effects and a plot that twists and turns. The problem is, most people already saw the same movie five years ago in *The Fugitive*.

Tommy Lee Jones (*Volcano*) returns to his Academy Award-winning role as U.S. Deputy Marshal Sam Gerard. Gerard is chasing Mark Sheridan (Wesley Snipes, *The Fan*), another fugitive who claims he was framed.

Jones is excellent and appears to have mastered the role of "cop who won't stop." Along with Jones, most cast members from *The Fugitive* return to help track Sheridan. Joe Pantoliano (*La Bamba*) adds the same brand of humor he did in the original film as U.S. Marshal Cosmo Renfro.

Robert Downey Jr. (*Chaplin*) takes on the role of high-level federal agent. Downey is grossly miscast as a gun-toting, self-serving, turncoat agent.

Loose ends plague the movie. In the middle of the chase, the audience learns of a Chinese-U.S. intelligence conspiracy link with Sheridan. Too many details are left out, too many unnecessary characters are inserted and too much goes on at once.

It seems *U.S. Marshals* was slapped together quickly. The writing is stale, using many of the same types of jokes as the original. The overhead camera shots of Chicago common in *The Fugitive* are now of New York.

With the help of another solid performance from Jones and some heart-pounding scenes, *U.S. Marshals* provides the audience an abundance of high-octane action. Although it is a disappointing follow-up to one of 1993's biggest hits, that doesn't take away from the entertainment value of the film.

However, if Warner Brothers and Jones decide to make another version of *The Fugitive*, they might want to consider having Gerard pursue an actual fugitive instead of an innocent man trying to clear his name. *U.S. Marshals* is now playing.

New Store offers culture, education

(from G. 1)

"Discover Downtown D.C.," a walking tour, is the product of a partnership between Discovery Communications, Inc. and the D.C. Heritage Tourism Coalition. The tour begins at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. daily and costs \$7.50 for adults and \$5.00 for children. The tour focuses on John Wilkes Booth, Walt Whitman, Chinatown, Samuel Morse, Clara Barton and Harriet Beecher Stowe — and covers a four-block radius of the MCI Center.

Patrons learn and shop in the store. Everything from key chains and figurines (\$5-\$10) to 50-million-year-

old cave bear skeletons (\$75,000) are for sale. Items can be bought from places like Morocco, Ghana and Irian Jaya. Space flight and Feng Shui — decorating for emotional well-being — paraphernalia await. Jewelry ranges from \$18 to too expensive to even think about. One necklace is made of fossilized dinosaur eggs.

The Discovery Channel Store is a great place to bring visitors to learn about D.C. and the world, while a host also can be entertained by new things. If nothing else, it's a perfect store for gift buying.

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Film's characters, plot do not agree

(from G. 1)

Later, the audience hears a message from the frightened bowler on The Dude's answering machine. It's a funny scene that works by itself, but it doesn't really add anything to the film.

The Coens had some great characters to work with, and maybe they had a good story. But the two didn't work well together. It would be interesting to see what would happen to a character like The Dude if he were to come upon unexpected success or notoriety.

Bridges is an actor who inhabits his characters so completely he becomes hard to recognize. This ability makes him a talented actor, but it also may be why he is under-appreciated.

Music plays a big part in The Dude's life. He floats through a few dream sequences with a look of such ecstasy in his eyes, one can't help but smile. Usually he's grooving to "The Man in Me," an obscure Bob Dylan song. During a cab ride he asks the driver to turn down the music. "I don't like the Eagles, man," he protests. The driver pulls over and drags him out of the car.

The loving respect The Dude has for his warped little world is one of the sweeter aspects of the movie. He makes no apologies for his lack of direction. He just doesn't want anyone getting in his way.

The Big Lebowski is now playing.



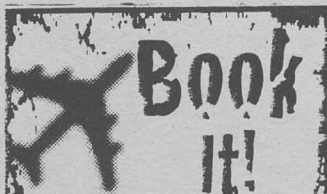
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Film celebrates older talent

SCOTT KRUH

WEEKEND WRITER

Twilight (Paramount Pictures) is more than just a movie. It is a celebration of an older generation of Hollywood. Paul Newman couldn't make another *Cool Hand Luke* or *The Hustler*, but he fits well in *Twilight*.

Twilight is a mystery in which Harry Ross (Newman) finds himself investigating his friends, a married couple, Jack (Gene Hackman, *Crimson Tide*) and Catherine (Susan Sarandon, *Dead Man Walking*). The story is interesting, but it tends to get a little heavy. Newman cracks a few good one-liners, but they usually are tinged with sadness.

When he tells his partner Reuben (Giancarlo Esposito, *Usual Suspects*) he understands why Reuben wants to give up the profession, Newman's delivery is warm with honesty. And Hackman is terrific as his friend, battling cancer and trying to squirm his way out of trouble. Hackman can be vulnerable and strong in the same scene, which is difficult to do.

Reese Witherspoon (*Highway*) portrays Hackman's daughter. James Garner plays an old friend who was on the police force with Newman's character. Garner is an outstanding actor with a strangely hypnotic, captivating voice.

The mystery is involving. In another trend-busting twist, it's a small mystery involving a long-ago disappearance. No meteors hurtling toward Earth or aliens threatening apocalypse. Just a small story, with a little more violence than one might expect, and some astounding acting.

Twilight is now playing.

Hatchet Rating Scale-Spring Break



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You failed your art history midterm. Nice job dumb ass. There goes your future, but what are you planning to do with a degree in that anyway?

O **ARIES** (March 22-April 21)
Stop worrying about what to pack for spring break. It doesn't matter because you'll be stuck in your bungalow all week. The only place you'll need an ID is to get the mini bar restocked.

O **TAURUS** (April 22-May 21)
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S **GEMINI** (May 22-June 21)
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C **CANCER** (June 22-July 21)
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You met a really cool person last weekend. Maybe this time you won't screw things up. But that's not likely considering your track record.

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You cheated on your boy/girlfriend last weekend. Don't feel guilty. Just realize you're the asshole for thinking the other guy/girl may actually care about you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)
You've been talking about one of your friends all week. You're so stupid you think s/he doesn't realize it. Well, s/he does and s/he doesn't care because s/he has other friends who are actually cool. You're not.

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The Big Lebowski (R)
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Wedding Singer (PG-13)
Fri.-Sun. 2:00, 5:15, 8:00, 10:10
Mon.-Thurs. 5:45, 8:15, 10:20

Titanic (PG-13)
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U.S. Marshals (PG-13)
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The Real Blonde (R)
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Fri.-Thurs. 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40

Ma Vie En Rose
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Good Will Hunting (R)
Fri.-Thurs. 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30

The Apostle (PG-13)
Fri.-Thurs. 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00

Cineplex Odeon Wisconsin Avenue
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The Big Lebowski (R)
Fri.-Thurs. 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:50

The Wedding Singer (PG-13)
Fri.-Thurs. 1:10, 3:15, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40

As Good As It Gets (PG-13)
Fri.-Tues. 12:40, 3:30, 6:20, 9:20

Wed.-Thurs. 12:40, 3:30, 10:00

Twilight (R)
Fri.-Thurs. 12:40, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30

The Man in the Iron Mask (PG-13)
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Hush (PG-13)
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Wings of the Dove (R)
Fri.-Thurs. 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:35

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The Man in the Iron Mask (PG-13)
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Twilight (R)
Fri.-Thurs. 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00

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Fri., Mon.-Thurs. 4:10, 8:20
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Fri., Mon.-Thurs. 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
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Ulee's Gold (R)
Fri., Mon.-Thurs. 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
Sat.-Sun. 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50

Deconstructing Harry (R)
Fri., Mon.-Thurs. 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
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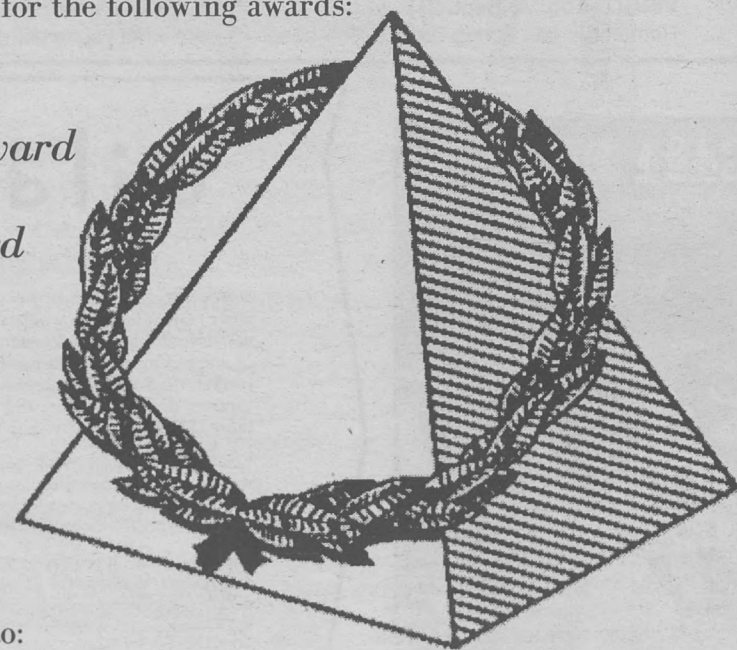
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GW expedites lock change at MVC

from p. 1

"We are the ones living on campus, (the administration members) are not," MVC Student Government President Bethany Miller said. "The students should have been informed."

The administration is sympathetic to student concerns, and MVC was not lax in its actions, Baxter said. But security was not imperiled since MVC has a safe community with round-the-clock security, she said.

"My only regret is that I was not aware of the intensity of feeling and concern (prior to the meeting)," Baxter said.

Clark Hall residence assistant Deanna Hackworth said, however, safety of the student body is an especially significant concern at an all-women's school.

Campus security was informed immediately after officials realized the keys were missing, said Dean of Students Nina Mikhalevsky.

If administrators had perceived the situation to pose a direct threat to the student body, then actions appropriate to the risks would have been taken, Baxter said.

Students at the meeting said the administration behaved as though MVC students were overreacting to the handling of the dormitory locks situation, and laughed at students who said they might seek legal recourse and sue the college for negligence.

Retaliation

The doors of the Webb Building, an administrative office building, were glued shut on the night of the town hall meeting, in what some students believe was a response to the dormitory situation.

Sparking additional student ire, Webb Building's locks were changed

within hours, while the residence hall locks took more than a month.

Baxter said she believes the gluing was a test to see how fast the locks would be replaced. But she said the two situations were different because security systems for office buildings are less sophisticated than those for residential buildings. No suspects have been found for the gluing, Baxter said.

Changing of the guard

The MVC administration changed residence hall locks last week — more than a month after the keys were misplaced.

Baxter maintained that contracting for the work was done before the March 2 town hall meeting.

Hopes that the keys would be found kept officials from disclosing the scenario to students, Baxter said. Several administrators were not even informed of the situation, she added.

The decision to keep the information undisclosed, however, was not taken by the administration, but by staff members of the residence life office, Baxter said.

Hackworth said she and other resistant assistants had mixed opinions when they found out about the missing keys and were told not to release the information to students.

She said she knew pandemonium would break out on campus if students found out. But she said she also felt an obligation to her residents and endured backlash from students for remaining silent.

"A lot of trust was lost," Hackworth said.

Hackworth said students and faculty believed that if any break-ins had occurred, they would have been during the winter break since the

keys clearly had been missing during that period.

In response to student concerns, extra security precautions will be taken during MVC's spring break this week, Mikhalevsky said.

A March 4 memo to resident students said security patrols would be doubled, especially to check cars entering campus and keep track of residence life office staff on duty throughout the week.

In addition, the memo advised students to perform an inventory of their rooms and give the inventories to the residential life office. Students were told to make sure their parents' insurance covered all items left in dorm rooms.

Internal problem

According to Mike Freedman, GW director of public affairs, the University was not made aware of the situation until recently.


"It was handled as an internal matter of Mount Vernon College," Freedman said. "Nobody at GW was made aware of it."

Freedman said after the University was informed, it helped expedite the installation of a new security system on the MVC campus.

Additionally, University Police Department Director Dolores Stafford has helped MVC with deciding how to handle security at MVC.

Freedman pointed out that the relationship between GW and MVC is in flux. The University will take a stronger involvement next year when GW freshmen live on Mount Vernon's campus, he added.

"Anytime something happens that concerns a student, it is a concern to everybody," Freedman said. —Matt Berger contributed to this report.



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Saturday

B vs. Fairfield (DH)-12 p.m.

WBB-women's basketball
B-baseball
G-gymnastics

Sunday

MBB vs. Duke/Radford-TBA†
WBB vs. UConn/Fairfield-9 p.m.†
G at WVU-2 p.m.

GW basketball teams prepare for NCAAs

GW men to face shorter OSU team in Lexington

by Dave Mann
Sports Editor

The GW men's basketball team will make its first NCAA Tournament appearance in two years Friday at 7:40 p.m. in Lexington, Ky. **men's basketball** against Oklahoma State University.

GW was seeded ninth in the South Region by the NCAA Tournament Selection Committee Sunday. Ninth is the highest GW ever has been seeded in the NCAA Tournament. However, the Colonials received the lowest seed of the five Atlantic 10 teams in the NCAA Tournament, despite finishing second in last weekend's A-10 Tournament.

"I did not question the selection committee when they put us in (the NCAA Tournament) when a lot of people didn't think we deserved to get in, and I'm not going to question them now," GW Coach Mike Jarvis said. "The committee obviously thinks GW-Oklahoma State is a good game and I think the committee will be proven right."

GW (24-8) last played in the NCAA Tournament in 1996 as an 11th seed and lost to the University of Iowa in the first round 81-79. It was a heart-breaking loss for the Colonials, who held a 17-point lead with eight minutes left before a 25-6 run won the game for the Hawkeyes.

GW has made the NCAA Tournament in four of the last six years and this is the sixth consecutive year the Colonials have been in a postseason tournament.

In Oklahoma State, GW will face a much shorter team. The Cowboys' regularly play eight players, only two of whom are taller than 6-9. Starting center Brett Robisch (6-11, 255 lbs.) averages 15.4 points per game and 8.2 rebounds per game and should provide a good match-up for GW center Alexander Koul.

The Cowboys finished 21-6 this season under Coach Eddie Sutton, but lost to the University of Texas in the quarterfinals of the Big 12 Conference Tournament. They are led by a talented trio of guards.

Junior Adrian Peterson leads Oklahoma State in scoring, averaging 17.6 ppg and grabs 6.8 rpg. In addition, sophomore guard Joe Adkins scores 12.2 ppg. Sophomore point guard Doug Gottlieb runs the offense. Gottlieb, a transfer from Notre Dame University, averages nearly seven assists per game.

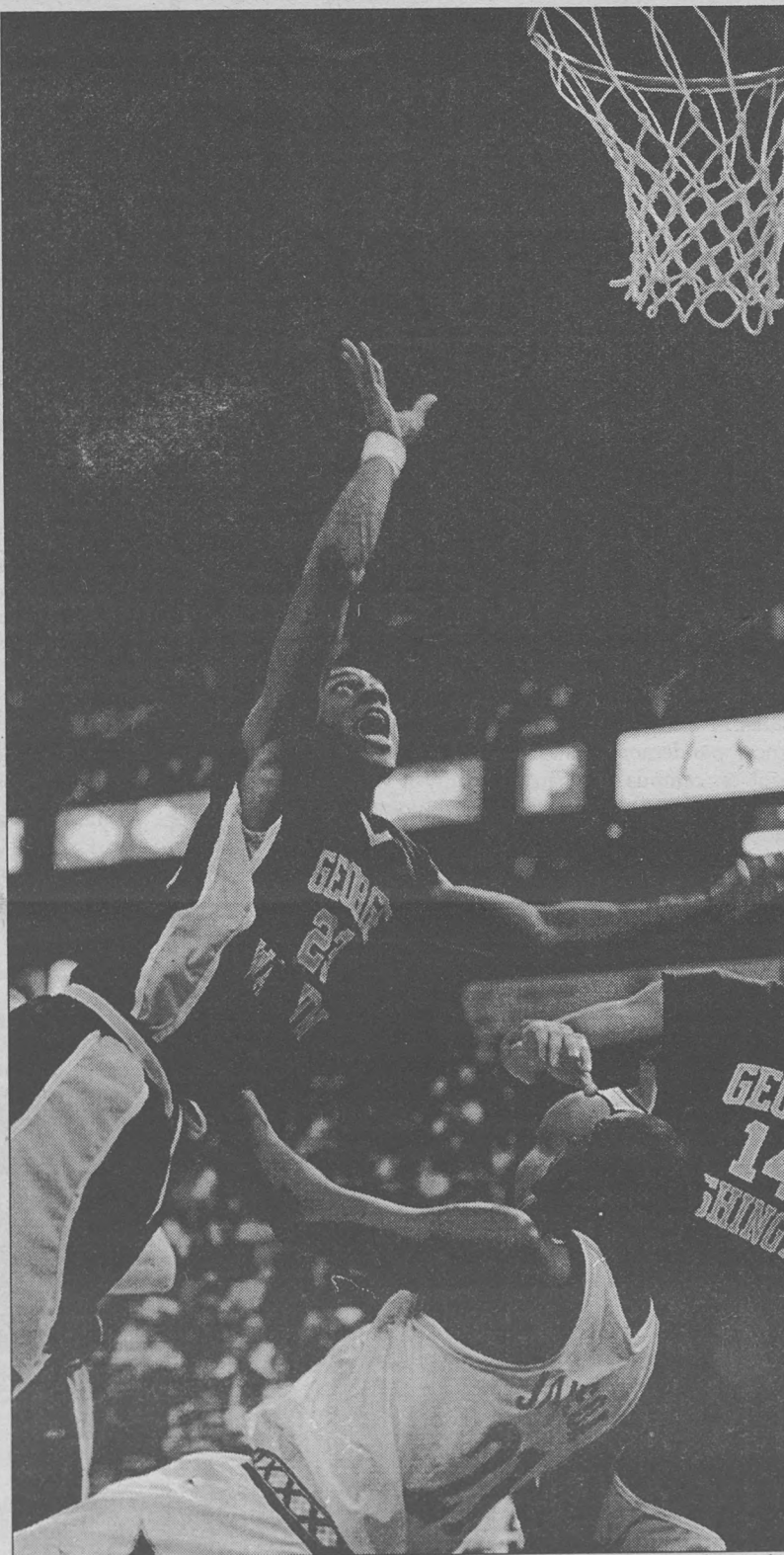
Reserve guard Chad Alexander is Oklahoma State's best three-point shooter, making 39 percent of his three-point shots.

"It's going to be a tough basketball game," Jarvis said. "They have a great coach and I know they're going to play tough man-to-man defense."

If GW wins in the first round, it would almost certainly face Duke University in the second round, but Jarvis said he has not considered a possible match-up with one of the nation's top teams.

"Nobody thinks about the second round without getting through the first round. I'm not even thinking about Duke," he said.

Jarvis said freshman forward Antxon Iturbe, who has missed the last six games with a stress fracture in his left ankle, may be available to play Friday.



Tyson Trish/editor in chief

The GW men's basketball team will have a size advantage over Oklahoma State in its NCAA Tournament first-round game Friday.

GW women set to play Georgia in Connecticut

by Dustin Gouker
Sports Editor

If the GW women's basketball team had squared off with the University of Georgia in the NCAA **women's basketball** Tournament a year or two ago, the game probably would not have taken place in the first round.

This year, though, GW, the 10th seed in the East, and Georgia, the seventh seed, will play Friday at 8:30 p.m. in Storrs, Conn. for the right to move on to the tournament's second round.

GW (19-9), which has made the NCAA Tournament seven of the past eight years, was only seeded as low as 10th in its first tournament appearance in 1991.

Georgia, which played in the NCAA Tournament's final game in 1996 and has appeared in four Final Fours in the program's history, is in the midst of a below-average season as well. The Lady Bulldogs (17-10), an at-large selection out of the Southeastern Conference, lost five seniors from last season's squad, which made it to the Elite Eight.

"Sure, they might have lost five seniors, but we lost three very good players of our own (Tajama Abraham, Lisa Cermignano and Colleen McCrea)," GW head coach Joe McKeown said. "But they've been able to put the pieces back together, and so have we."

Georgia's success this year can be attributed in large part to the performance of Kelly and Coco Miller, twin freshmen who are the team's leading scorers at 17.5 points per game and 16.4 points per game, respectively.

"They're phenomenal," McKeown said. "For freshmen to play at such a high level is just amazing." Kelly, in addition to leading the team in scoring, also averages about six rebounds and six assists per game. The twins also both shoot better than 35 percent from beyond the three-point arc.

While the match-up of the Miller twins against GW's backcourt of Elisa Aguilar, Marlo Egleston and Chasity Myers should prove interesting, McKeown said for GW to win, it must play well inside.

"We've got to get some production out of our post players, like Khadija Deas and Mandisa Turner," McKeown said. "And Noelia (Gomez) has to play the way she normally does. We need her scoring and her court sense on the floor, so she has to stay out of foul trouble." Gomez, at 17.6 ppg, averages more points than both members of Georgia's starting frontcourt combined.

The coaching match-up in the game is one of the best women's basketball has to offer. Andy Landers, the head coach of the Lady Bulldogs, is 459-139 in his 19th season at Georgia. McKeown, with a win against Georgia, will have recorded his eighth straight 20-win season.

GW men (24-8) vs. Oklahoma State (21-6) First Round, NCAA Tournament South Region Friday, March 13, 7:40 p.m., Lexington, Ky.

GW's probable starting lineup

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| Pat Ngongba | F | 6-8 | Fr. | 4.3 ppg | 4.1 rpg |
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Oklahoma State's probable starting lineup

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| Desmond Mason | F | 6-6 | So. | 15.0 ppg | 7.7 rpg |
| Brett Robisch | F | 6-11 | Sr. | 15.6 ppg | 8.2 rpg |
| Adrian Peterson | G | 6-4 | Jr. | 17.3 ppg | 7.0 rpg |
| Joe Adkins | G | 6-2 | So. | 12.2 ppg | 3.2 apg |
| Doug Gottlieb | G | 6-1 | So. | 5.7 ppg | 7.0 apg |

GW women (19-9) vs. Georgia (17-10) First Round, NCAA Tournament East Region Friday, March 13, 8:30 p.m., Storrs, Conn.

GW's probable starting lineup

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|----------------|---|-----|-----|----------|---------|
| Elisa Aguilar | G | 5-8 | So. | 16.6 ppg | 5.0 apg |
| Marlo Egleston | G | 5-7 | So. | 7.5 ppg | 3.0 rpg |
| Chasity Myers | G | 5-9 | So. | 8.8 ppg | 4.7 rpg |
| Noelia Gomez | F | 6-3 | Jr. | 17.6 ppg | 6.2 rpg |
| Mandisa Turner | F | 6-1 | Jr. | 6.2 ppg | 5.8 rpg |

Georgia's probable starting lineup

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|-------------------|---|------|-----|----------|---------|
| Kelly Miller | G | 5-10 | Fr. | 17.5 ppg | 6.0 apg |
| Pam Irwin | G | 5-10 | Jr. | 13.6 ppg | 3.1 rpg |
| Latrese Bush | G | 5-7 | Sr. | 5.2 ppg | 2.1 rpg |
| Elena Vishniakova | F | 6-3 | Fr. | 7.7 ppg | 6.9 rpg |
| Angie Ball | C | 6-1 | So. | 4.6 ppg | 4.9 rpg |

GW baseball tops Towson, Coppin St.

by Dave Mann
Sports Editor

The GW baseball team's offense came alive in two wins this week.

The Colonials scored 20 runs and had 26 hits in victories over Towson State University Tuesday and Coppin State University Wednesday at Barcroft Park. GW has won four of its last five games and improved its record to 6-8 on the season.

The Colonials open a three-game series with Fairfield University at Barcroft Park Friday at 3 p.m.

GW 10, Coppin State 7

The Colonials scored six runs in their final two innings at-bats to beat Coppin State 10-7 for their second-straight win Wednesday.

Coppin State (0-11) broke a 4-4 tie in the top of the fourth inning, scoring three runs off GW pitcher Scott Shirley (1-0), who took a 7-4 lead. But the Colonials responded with four runs in the bottom of the fifth and two more runs in the bottom of the sixth and led 10-7.

Mike Roberts, who usually plays second base, shutout Coppin State in

the final two innings to earn his first save of the season.

GW designated hitter Cassidy Smith went two-for-three, scored four runs and hit a home run. Rightfielder Chris Matarese went two-for-three with two runs scored and two RBIs. The Colonials scored eight earned runs off Coppin State pitcher Sean Richardson (0-4), who walked four batters and struck out four in six innings. Shirley (1-0) got the win for GW.

GW 10, Towson State 9

GW survived a late-inning rally by Towson State and held on for a 10-9 win Tuesday.

GW led 10-1 after the fourth inning, but Towson (2-2) scored eight runs in the final three innings, including four runs in the top of the ninth to make the game close.

Rollie Corden pitched the final two innings for GW and gave up six runs, five earned, but retired Towson in the final inning. Smith and Matarese led the Colonial offense. Smith went two-for-five with three runs scored and two RBIs. Matarese had four hits, scored a run and knocked in two more.

GW 10, Coppin State 7

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| CSU | 130 | 300 | 0 |
| GW | 031 | 042 | x |

WP: Scott Shirley (1-0), S: Mike Roberts (1)
LP: Sean Richardson (0-4)
2B: Vernon Shelton (CSU), Eugene Leggett (CSU), Cecil Christwell (CSU)
3B: none
HR: Cassidy Smith (GW), Chris Matarese (GW)
SB: Leggett 2 (CSU), Emmanuel Fitzgerald (CSU), Matarese (GW)

GW 10, Towson State 9

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| GW | 530 | 200 | 00x |

WP: Ari Zagaris (1-1)
LP: Chris Russ
2B: Jason Sandner (TS), Jason Rummel (TS), Mike Roberts (GW), Ryan Dacey (GW), Cassidy Smith (GW)
3B: none
HR: Nick Agolia (TS), Tommy Cimler (TS), Ryan Dacey (GW), Adam Belicic (GW)
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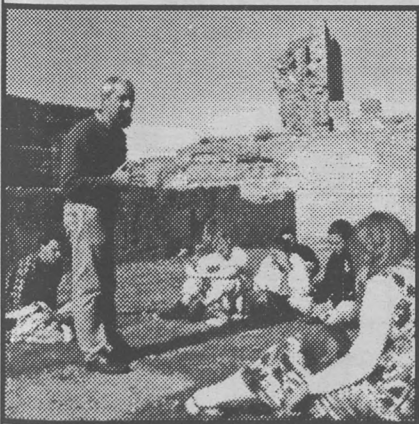
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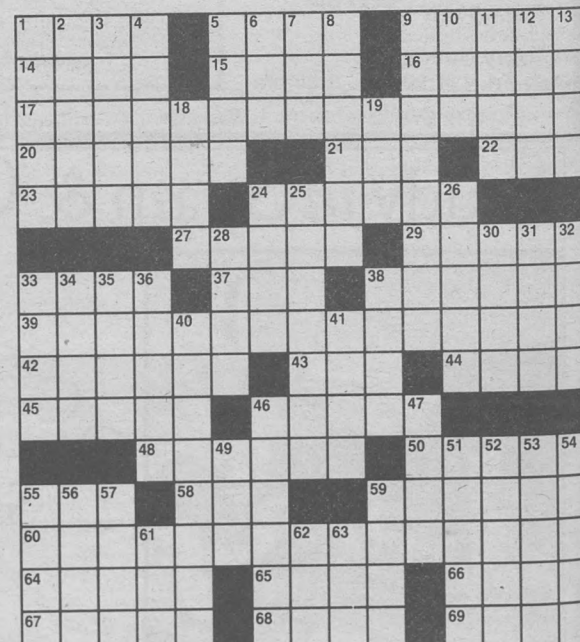
- 1 Prelude to a duel
- 5 Not hearing
- 9 Competitor for a Clio
- 14 Seat of Allen County, Kan.
- 15 Unattractive fruit that sounds that way
- 16 Upright, e.g.
- 17 Taking radical action
- 20 Kiss mark
- 21 Lamb's kin
- 22 Wonderment
- 23 "Bye!"
- 24 Much too bright
- 27 Romulus's brother
- 29 Rundown in appearance
- 33 Words of woe
- 37 "Buddy"
- 38 "23 ____": Var.
- 39 Holing up
- 42 Expired
- 43 Princess of operetta
- 44 "____ boy!"
- 45 One who can't go home
- 46 Give quarters to
- 48 Laotians, e.g.
- 50 Mowed strip
- 55 Breakfast staple
- 58 Have some tea
- 59 Sound investment?
- 60 Civil War story
- 64 Disconcert
- 65 Theater award

DOWN

- 1 Lovers' sounds
- 2 Sarge's boss
- 3 Restaurant owner of song
- 4 Hanky—
- 5 Scout's pledge word
- 6 I, to Claudius
- 7 Inn drink
- 8 Repairmen
- 9 Like some mountain lodge activities
- 10 Conk out
- 11 Nursery call
- 12 Freshly
- 13 It smells a lot
- 18 Equipment
- 19 Prefix with light
- 24 Dillinger fighter
- 25 Setting for this puzzle's theme
- 26 Alpine heroine
- 28 Give off, as light
- 30 Redo, as text
- 31 Puts on
- 32 Eastern discipline
- 33 Grimm character
- 34 Martian invasion report, e.g.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle by Manny Nosowsky

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| 35 60's dress style | 52 Get up | 57 Flying pest |
| 36 ____ Gay (W.W. II plane) | 53 Edgy | 59 Tool repository |
| 38 Mass of hair | 54 Nonsurfer at the beach | 61 N.C. and S.C. zone |
| 40 Caller's playful request | 55 "Omigosh!" | 62 Cable channel |
| 41 3 : 1, 5 : 2, etc. | 56 Mongolian desert | 63 Type of type |
| 46 Portable computer | | |
| 47 Renaissance name of fame | | |
| 49 Certain grandson | | |
| 51 Champions' cry | | |

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